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(See yesterday's papers for first bargain list.

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Dredgers that work, with steam tug attached. The largest toy on earth New Price, 39c

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WAREHOUSE.

PROVIDING THE REMEDIES

Ways and Means Committee Preparing Plans to Relieve Treasury.

By Amendments to Tariff Laws Forty Million Dollars May Be Gained Annually-Bonds Are Suggested to Protect the Gold Reserve.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Four hours were occupied by the Republican mem-bers of the ways and means committee this afternoon in preparing a measure of relief for the treasury department. There was a satisfactory unanimity of opinion among the members as the course to be pursued in order to meet the deficit in the national finances.

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Naturally the first suggestion was to secure revenue in the line of Republican policy which is by a duty on imports. When the conference ended very material amendments were made to the present tariff law which it is estimated will increase the revenues about forty million dollars annually.

Another measure which is still incomplete will also be reported at the same time looking to an issue of bonds and certificates of indebtedness bearing and certificates of indebtedness bearing

a low rate of interest to meet the pres-ent emergencies. The two measures will not be amalgamated but will be will not be amalgamated but will be brought before the house separately on Thursday of this week and will be passed with little delay. One and per-haps two days may be devoted to their consideration but it is not improbable that they will be passed before the close of the session Thursday which may be prolonged to extend the time for discussion.

The substantial features of the tariff

bill are these:
Making a 60 per cent. rate on wool with a 60 per cent, compensatory duty on manufactured cloth, over the act of on manufactured cloth, over the act of 1894. A 60 per cent rate of duty over the 1890 law (McKinley) on lumber. A 25 per cent, increase over the act of 1894 (Wilson bill) on live stock cereals. Indiany products and a horizontal increase of 15 per cent, rate of duty on all other schedules, over the law of 1834. In this connection a proviso is added that in no case shall the rates of duty exceed those of the McKinley law except in cases where the present rates of duty are higher than those of the McKinley tariff law. The proposed amendments will remain in effect until

August 1, 1898. Bonds to Protect Gold Reserve. The accompanying bill provides for The accompanying bill provides for an issue of 3 per cent, five year bonds to protect the gold reserve in the treasury with the proviso that the currency redeemed by the bonds shall not be paid out while a deficit exists in the treasury. This differs from the original purpose of the Republican leaders which was to give authority to the secretary of the treasury to issue a 3 per retary of the treasury to issue a 3 per cent, bond as a popular lean to main-tain the gold reserve and for no other purpose, with a proviso that the re-deemed greenbacks shall not be used to meet current expenses, but be re-

indebtedness to meet temporary de-ficiency in receipts until the revenue can be provided.

In addition to the sale of bonds, the bill also authorizes the secretary of the treasury to issue certificates of indebtedness bearing 2 per cent. Interest not to exceed \$50,000,000 in amount to meet current deficiencies of the revenue.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Measures that were Submitted for the Consideration of Congress.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The senate was not in session today. The session of the house lasted but an hour, when ad-journment was taken until tomorrow. Mr. Dingley (Rep., Me.) stated that the ways and means committee were of the unanimous opinion that it would be unable to take a holiday recess until a response had been made to the president's request for some action in regard to the financial situation. The committee way had such a more action in the committee to the state of t tee now had such a measure under con-sideration and he hoped to be able to present it to the house on Thursday next. A resolution introduced by Mr. Henderson (Rep., Ia.), a member of the rules committee, provides for the immediate consideration of the bill when

reported.
Among the bills introduced in the house today were the following: By Mr. Danfort (Rep., O.), re-enact-ing the McKinley law duties on wool,

New Price, 39c

Dolls' Furniture for Dining Room and Parlor, large size.

Dolls' Furniture for Dining Room of the McKinley bill regarding wool, and Parlor, large size.

New Price, 85c

Ietal Tea Sets, full nums. Large size 59c., extra

Mr. Dalzell (Rep., Penn.), for the relief of telegraph operators who served during the war by making them pensionable at the same rates and under the same conditions as others in the service.

Mr. Dalzell (Rep., Penn.) offered in the house today a joint resolution ap-propriating \$1,500,000 to enable the secretary of the navy to contract for a reserve supply of projectiles for the use of the navy. A preamble to the resolution calls at-

tention to the section of the annual re-port of the secretary of the navy, which states that the naval service has no reserve supply of projectiles for itself or for auxiliary cruisers which would be fitted out in time of war.

VENEZUELAN COMMISSION.

It Will Be Composed of Men Not in Politics.

Washington, Dec.23.-The Venezuelan Washington, Dec.23.—The Venezuelan boundary commission will probably not be announced by President Cleveland until the latter part of this week, or the first part of next. It will consist, most likely, of three members. The president's aim is to put on the commission only such men as will inspire respect and confidence on both sides of the Atlantic and whose acquirements will be acknowledged by the world of statesmanship, science and letters.

In making the selections men with whom politics is simply an incident and not their profession, will be preferred.

not their profession, will be preferred, and close to the president is authority for the statement that probably not a single name so far mentioned will be found on the commission.

Richardson be placed on trial, but Prosecutor Scanlon refused to try the case, saying that he had promised Rich-

ardson immunity.
Scanlon then left the courtroom and the court appointed Bartlett Campbell to try the case, intimating that Prose-cutor Scanlon was in contempt and would hear from his insubordinate con-TO INCREASE TARIPP RATES duct later. Sheriff Starr says that in the event of Scanlon being committed to jail neither he nor his deputies will

LOVED HIS LANDLADY.

Her Refusal to Furnish Affection and Board, Drives Goffinet to Suicide. Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Louis Goffinet, aged 30 years, a French cook, residing at 1518 Cherry street, tonight shot his landlady, Mrs. B. H. Neafie, aged 30 years, in the head and then blew his brains out. Mrs. Neafie's wound is not serious and she will receiver Lealouse is entossed to have cover. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause of the crime. Goffinet had been out of employment for the past three weeks and this evening Mrs. Neafie asked him to pay her his board for that time. Soon words ensued be-tween the two and then the shooting occurred. A letter was found on Goffi-net stating that as the woman he loved did not care for him he was tired of

life.

Although not positively known, it
Although not positively known, it is suposed Goffinet loved Mrs. Neafle, as he has been very attentive to her. Up to three weeks ago Goffinet was em-ployed as a chef in the restaurant of the Broad street station of the Penn-sylvania railroad.

SOME GOOD ADVICE.

General Miles Suggests That Our Stand ing Army Be Increased.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—About 350 de-cendants of the Pilgrim Fathers sat down tonight at the Continental hotel at the fifteenth annual dinner of the

New England society.

The principal speaker of the evening was General Nelson A. Miles, who responded to the toast "The Army and Navy." General Miles' speech was directed toward showing our defenseless position in the event of war and the position in the event of war, and the necessity for preparing for war in the time of peace. General Miles advocated the increase of our standing army and the construction of sea coasts and

harbor defenses.

He instanced China as a nation that believed in the fallacy that it was un-conquerable because of its immense population and great natural resources. General Miles contended that in these modern times it is necessary to spend long years of preparation before a country is in a position to make war or withstand an assault.

QUARTET WITH A HISTORY. Two Aged Brothers of Canton Will Marry Two Divorced Women.

Canton, Dec. 23.—Marriage licenses were issued Saturday to Harry Pariso were issued Saturday to Harry Pariso and Peter Pariso. Harry is aged 60 years and Peter 64. Harry will lead to the altar Mary Yoder, aged 28, of Rob-ertsville, while Peter will take as com-forter for his declining years Anna Schramm, aged 39, of Maximo.

Aside from the disparity in the ages of the contracting parties there are other facts connected with the quartet to meet current expenses, but be re-tained as long as necessary as part of the redemption fund; authority to issue to national banks circulating notes up to the par of the bonds deposited as to the par of the bonds deposited as siderable property. They are brothers security therefor and to reduce the tax siderable property. They are brothers on national bank circulation; and au and both widowers. The women who are to be wedded to the brothers are persons with a recent interesting histhority for the issue of certificates of tory. Mary Yoder was divorced from Grant Yoder on Thursday, December 19. Anna Schramm was divorced from John Schramm on Tuesday, December

TROUBLE IN TEXAS MILITIA. Originated Over Governor Culberson'

Attitude on the Prize Fight.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 23.—A board of nilitary inquiry, composed of Lieu-enant Colonels Gaston and Stewart, and Majors Foster and Harrison, of the Fexas Volunteer guard, adjourned tolight after a three days' investigation behind closed doors of the trouble be-tween Captain Houston and the mempers of the Dallas artillery company. Captain Houston ordered the company to parade and fire a salute in honor of Governor Culberson when he opened the Texas state fair at Dallas, on the 19th

of October last.

The company refused, and Captain Houston manned his battery with raw recruits, fired the salute and made the parade. Later the company voted Captain Houston out of comand and expelled him from the company. It is current rumor that he company was at outs with Governor Culberson because of his attitude on the Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight. Court mer. Fitzsimmons prize fight. Court-mar-tials may result.

BOATING ON THE OHIO.

tillions of Bushels of Cont Are Floating

to Southern Markets. to Southern Markets.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 22.—The present rise in the rivers at Pittsburg considerably exceed the prediction of the signal service bureau, and made the coal merchants very happy. At noon today the marks indicated nine feet, one inch and rising. Up to noon nineteen boats with about five millions bushels of coal had started for southern markets. had started for southern markets. There are now twenty-two million bushels of coal in the harbor.

This afternoon and tomorrow an additional ten million bushels will be shipped. The present rise came out of the Allegheny river. Another heavy swell is due in the Monongahela river by tomorrow morning. This will give a first-class boating stage in the Ohio

CONDENSED STATE TOPICS.

A Grand Army post at Sharon indorsed the president's Venezuelan policy. It will require fifty-five big turkeys for the Christmas dinner in Berks county

There is widespread dissatisfaction in schuyikill county over the judicial con-est, as it will cost the taxpayers heavily. The following fourth-class postmasters were yesterday appointed in Pennsylva-nia: G. N. Doyle, West Nicholson, Wyom-

ning county.

Alvin M. Stewart, contractor and real estate dealer at Newcastle, has made an assignment to J. S. Hague. Liabilities, \$16,000; assets, \$15,000. \$16,000; assets, \$15,000.

Because several citizens of Tulpehocken, Berks county, tried to prevent John M. Groff from securing a school to teach he has sued for \$5,000 damages.

The case of H. N. Boose, who accused certain other bidders with having conspired to cheat the state by uniting in a bid on metal furniture, was dismissed by Alderman Kinnard, at Harrisburg.

Owing to heavy rains at Altona the Pennsylvania railroad has discontinued its water trains that have been running for two months.

TABLES TURNED ON A CAP.

Ordered Prosecuted After Being Promised Immunity for State's Evidence.

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 22. — Herron Richardson, former leader of the Scatterfield white caps, who turned state's evidence against his old associates, was charged in the circuit court today with having stolen several articles, for which crime another of the gang was sent to prison. Judge Ellison ordered that

CAR STRIKE DECLARED OFF

Manager Beetem's Peaceful Proposi-

ORGANIZED LABOR NOT IN IT

The Traction Company Refused to Recog nize the Amalgamated Association in Any Business Transaction with Empluyes-Cars Will Run Today.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.-After lasting seven days the ruinous strike of the motormen and conductors of the Union Traction company came to an end tonight by the employes accepting the terms of the company. The men struck for a working day of ten hours, two dollars per day pay, and the re-cognition of the Amalgamated asso-ciation of Street Railway Employes. The terms of agreement are as follows:
Philadelphia, Dec. 23, 1895.
To the Committee of Employes of the
Union Traction company, Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23, 1859.
To the Committee of Employes of the Union Traction company, Philadelphia, Pa.
Pa. Gentlemen:—Considering your proposition seriatum, would say:

1. We do not propose to govern the membership or connection of any employe with any lawful association; but such connection with such association of any character whatever must not enter into the relations between employes and the company; and cannot be recognized in the business conducted between us.

2. That any grievance of whatever character that any man or men may have will always be considered fairly and promptly before such men and the officers of the company, and the company will afford such men an opportunity to examine the records of such employes to their entire satisfaction.

3. We accept your statement that all men discharged since Dec. 10, 1895, except those discharged for just cause will be reinstated upon examination of the records of such employes. The committee representing the employes to furnish the list of names of those they believe to have been unjustive discharged; and the men allowed to divide the runs, other than the runs laid out for the present employes, meaning those who have entered our service since the evening of Dec. 17.

The above proposition, I think, should be accepted by the employes, and will be cheerfully accorded by the management. Your very truly,

J. R. Beetem, General Manager.

The Propositions Are Accepted.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.

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The employes of the Union Traction company have conferred with their committee who presented the communication of J. R. Beetem, general manager, dated Dec. 23, making three propositions of settlement of the strike now pending. They desire to say in reply in view of their anxiety to meet the views of the company and in reliance upon the fairness of the traction officials in considering their workmen and because of the general desire for a quick and peaceful adjustment of existing difficulties they accept the three propositions as stated, earnestly asking, however, that because of the losses already incurred by such a large body that the president, directors and managers of the Union Traction company will endeavor to find an honorable settlement of all contracts with new men, so that the old men may find employment as soon as possible, until such time they will equalize the employment of all the men as far as possible.

Respectfully,
Ed Byrne,
(Signed)
Witnesseth:—
Charles Bingham,
William Thomson.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.

(Signed)

Charles Bingham,
Witnesseth:—

George Griffith.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.

William Thomson, chairman of the committee of the employes of the Union Traction company, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:—We have your favor of the 23rd inst. in reply to ours of even date in which the conditions are clearly stated relative to the disputes pending in the past and for grievances occurring in the future. We accept your letter in the spirit in which it is tendered: with the understanding that the officers representing the emoloyes are to immediately declare the strike ended and employes to present themselves for work tomorrow morning on the old basis and the same rules governing the roads. It is also repeated that any grievance of whatever character that any grievance of whatever character that any man or men may have always be considered fairly and promptly before such men and the officers representing the Union Traction company, and the company will afford such men an opportunity to examine the records of such employes to their entire satisfaction.

Vours very respectively.

J. R. Beetem, General Manager,

Victory Is with the Company. The settlement of the strike is the result of numerous conferences through-out last night and today between the executive of the strikers and Union Traction company officials. Proposi-tions and counter propositions were made by each side until the agreement decided upon was finally reached. Throughout all these conferences the Union Traction company resolutely re-fused to recognize any one in the ne-gotiations but its own employes, and the officers of the Amalgamated asso-ciation were not permitted to be pres-ent at any time. The victory is with the company. The company has all along publicly stated that it was willing at any time to grant a respectful hear-ing to any grievances that its own men might have, but that it would recognize no association. The only point partially gained by the men was the unofficial recognition of its association. On the other points for which they struck they have gained nothing and are worse off a week's salary and the occupation of the places of 1900 of them. These 1900 new employes will have the preference in the runs of the cars and the old men will have to act as "trippers" (extra men). All of the 1900 new men will not remain here, as a majority of them were simply supplied during the strike by contractors. Still some two or three hundred of the new men will remain

here permanently.

The conclusion of the strike will be greeted by joy from citizens of all classes. The disturbances in the streets, the danger of riding in the cars, the inconvenience of rading in the cars, the in-convenience of walking long distances and the enormous financial loss to the city has made the strike the most dis-astrous ever known in Philadelphia.

Cost of the Strike.

The Christmas shopping trade was killed and directly, and indirectly it is a fair estimate that the seven days' strike cost the traction company, its employes and the merchants of Phila-delphia two millions of dollars,

Aside from the satisfaction caused by the settlement of the strike from a busi-ness standpoint it is most fortunate that it has come to an end, as lawlessthat it has come to an end, as lawless-ness and outbursts were on the increase and were each day that the strike was continued becoming more serious. The disturbances in the streets today were worse than on any day since the strike began. The company started out more cars on its various lines this morning than at any time since the start of the strike. With the exception of the Mar-ket and Chestnut street lines there was hardly a car on any of the other streets

the car was vicious and determined and it seemed as if the motorman and pocemen would be killed. An Officer Fires the Mob.

Finally when Policeman Usherback had had his wrist broken and his head cut open with a brick, he drew his re-volver and fired into the crowd. Wiltions Are Accepted.

volver and fired into the crowd. William H. Matthews, a striking motorman, was shot in the head and Samuel G. Crossley was shot in the knee. As soon as the policemen opened fire the crowd scattered and trampled each other under foot in their efforts to get out of the range of the bullets.

Matthews and Crossley were taken to the hospital. The former has only a scalp wound, but the latter was shot in the knee and is in a serious condition. the knee and is in a serious condition. The doctors cannot probe for the ball and even if he lives will lose his leg. and even if he lives will lose his leg.
Through their attorneys, the strikers
this afternoon filed an application in
the court of common pleas for the appointment of a board of arbitration
under the compulsory arbitration act
of 1893. Four men accused of rioting
the attacks were searchy dealt with of 1883. Four men accused of rioting in the streets were severely dealt with today in the criminal court. They were among the rioters arrested on Tuesday for smashing car windows. They were indicted on Friday by the grand jury, tried today and found guilty. Judge Gordon sentenced three of them to two years' imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary and one of them to eighteen months.

TO ACCEPT THE KATHADIN. Joint Resolution to Be Introduced by

Senator Hale. Washington, Dec. 23.-Senator Hale Washington, Dec. 23.—Senator Hale (Rep., Me.) will introduce in the senate a joint resolution directing the secretary of the navy to accept the ram Katahdin and make her a part of the United States navy. This resolution, if it should become a law, would overrule all objections that have been made to the ram. He said today that he would bring his resolution to the attention of the committee on naval affairs at the the committee on naval affairs at the first opportunity, and that he was confident it would receive the sanction of congress. He also stated that the president admitted that his objection was only technical, and had said that the vessel was a better over than had been expect. was a better one than had been expect-ed, and that he wanted it added to the navy. He had found it impossible, however, to accept the vessel, after the speed trial, in the face of the contract.

The secretary of the navy will probably send a communication to congress and recommend the acceptance of the vessel, reciting the facts in connection therewith.

SAVED BY VICTIM'S FATHER. Murdered Miss Steinberger's Parent

Pleads for His Nephew's Neck. Pleads for His Nephew's Neck.
Glasgow, Ky., Dec. 23.—Booker Steinberger, the slayer of his young cousin,
Anna Belle Steinberger, escaped lynching last night. Colonel Robert Steinberger, the father of the dead girl, met
with neighbors and asked that his
brother's son be spared to the law. The
low will have a hearing on Monday. It boy will have a hearing on Monday. It develops that Anna Belle, the murdered girl, told her mother Sunday night that her life had been threatened, but had kept secret from her the troubles be-tween herself and her cousin, The young man was much con-

cerned today and seems to fear that he will be lynched. He protests his inno-

WAS HANDY WITH A GUN.

Woman Defies a Gang Caps. Caps.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 23.—A special from Hamilton, O., says. Mrs. Wescoe, of Mintonville, the daughter of William Sherard, a farmer, was the victim of White Caps. About dusk twenty young men stoned the house. She seized a gun and defied her persecutors. They retired but returned later and fired retired, but returned later and fired

shots through every window.

The plucky little woman swore out warrants for the arrest of a number of young men, among them Dan Daub, the well-known pitcher for the Brooklyn base ball club, who spends his winters at Mintonville.

COLONEL LINCOLN A POPULIST Cousin of the Martyred President Stump-

ing Southeastern Kaysas. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 23.—Colonel C. A. Lincoln, a cousin of Abraham Lincoln, is the Populist Moses just now who is electrifying audiences in southeastern Kansas. Until recently he was a poor farmer in Cowley county. Last week he espoused the Populist faith and today announced one hundred meetings in school houses in Bourbon county. He assumes the commonplace char-acteristics of "Old Abe," and drives a little bay mare, which he says he has driven three times across the continent, making a total of 35,000 miles.

SEVEN ARE DROWNED.

News of the Sinking of the Manamond Is Received.

New York, Dec. 23.—A despatch re-ceived here this afternoon from Cara-cus states that steamer Nanzmond, Captain Laksy, from Curacoa or Mari-calbo, was in collision (probably De-cember 17) with the Spanish steamer Mexico, near the Island of Aruba. The Nanzmond sank and is a total loss. Captain Laksy and seven persons were Thirty-five lives were saved by the

Bank Wreckers Sentenced Bank Wreckers Sentenced.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—In the United States district court today, Judge Butler sentenced Charles W. Raymon, president, and Edward M. Raymond, cashier of the Middletown National bank, who were convicted on the charge of misappropriating the funds of the defunct bank, to seven years and five months imprisonment each in the eastern penitentiary.

WASHINGTON WAIFS.

The United States court of claims today dismissed the case of W. W. Hubbell, of Philadelphia, for \$200,000 against the Unit-ed States for the use of cartridges patent-ed by him and used by the United States

Army.

Second Assistant Postmaster General Nellson, who is at the scene of the Philadelphia street railway strike, telephoned the postoffice department that while there was great disorder there, the street car mail service suffered no interference.

Chairman Dingley, of the committee on ways and means, has requested the sergeant-at-arms to telegraph absent members of the house that their presence in the house on Thursday was necessary to consider a financial measure, which would be reported on that day. Acting upon that suggestion, telegrams were sent to 120 absentees.

Representative Beach, of Ohio, will in-

sentees.

Representative Beach, of Ohlo, will introduce into the house a bill authorizing the president of the United States to invite governments of the other American republics to appoint plenipotentiaries to meet in conference in the city of Washington within one year for the formal acceptance and declaration of the Monroe doubling as a principle of international law.

The heet information obtainable at the Representative Beach, of Ohio, will introduce into the house a bill authorizing the started out that did not return to the car barns in a shattered condition. In every section of the city the cars were stoned, and the motormen and conductors and the policemen guarding them cut and bruised by bricks and other missiles.

The various squads of policemen stationed at central points were kept busy hurrying to and fro to disperse the mobs that were assaulting the cars. The most serious disturbance of the day occurred at Seventeenth street and Girard avenue. Here a big crowd attacked a car guarded only by two policemen. The assault by the mob upon

MR. PATTISON RESPONSIBLE

He Signed the Bill Giving Union Traction Company Unlimited Powers.

FACTS CONCERNING THE CASE

Business Attributed to Governor Hastings Was Transacted Before He Come Into Office-llistory of the Legislation That Removed All Restraint.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—Governor Hastings was indignant this morning when his attention was called to the fact that a number of newspapers in the state had advertised that he had tendered the National Guard to the municipal authorities of Philadelphia. He had done nothing of the kind nor had the municipal authorities called upon the municipal authorities called upon him. It is true that Mayor Warwick has kept the governor fully posted as to the situation from day to day.

In speaking of the Philadelphia situation, a leading officer of the administra-

tion said another publication absolutely without the semblance of truth has been going the rounds of the state papers to the effect that the legislature of 1895 passed a bill which made it pos-sible for the Union Traction company to be organized with a capital of thirty millions, and that the governor is to blame for legislation that brought the

Union Traction company into existence and induced the reign of terror in Philadelphia. Here are the facts, said he: The Union Traction was incorporated under the provision of the act of the 18th of March, 1887, eight years before Governor Hastings came lets before Governor Hastings came into office. The Union Traction company obtains its powers from that act and under its provisions it had the right to acquire as many passenger railways as desired either by purchase or lease, the purchase taking the form of a perpetual lease. The distinction between a purchase and a lease is a distinction with chase and a lease is a distinction with-out a difference so far as the practic-able effect of the consolidation of the passenger railways is concerned. By the act of June 8, 1891, corporations were permitted a capital stock of ten million dollars and again by the act of June 10, 1893, a further increase to thirty million dollars was permitted, Its Powers Unlimited.

Under the Act of May 16, 1861, street railway companies could be merged and consolidated and as a matter of fact have been during the entire period since that time merged and consolidated in Philadelphia and elsewhere. The only limitation upon the power of consolida-tion of all the passenger railway com-panies in Philadelphia into one was that the capitalization was limited by law until the Act of 1893 permitted a capitalization of thirty million of dol-lars, the amount found necessary for the organization of the Union Traction

company.

There has been no sales of the interests of the three constituent companies now composing the Union Traction com-pany. The agreements entered into pany. The agreements entered into have long since become public property and the public has had the opportunity to become fully aware of their conditions. The only additional power granted to traction companies by the act of 1895, was to authorize the sale and purchase the contraction. chase by any to passenger railway companies and this power, to wit:

The power of purchase does not a pear to have been exercised by the Union Traction company. Should, how-ever, the Union Traction company have seen fit to acquire any one or more of the railway companies entering into the agreement, it certainly had the power under previous acts of assembly. When, therefore the allegation is made that the last legislature in the passage of the act of 1895 and Governor Hastings in sign-ing the same made it possible to organ-ize the Union Traction company, it is a gross misstatement of the fact. Act of 1895 was not an element in the organ-ization of the Union Traction company.

The legislation that made the Union Traction company possible was the act of 1887 and the act of 1893, the latter being the one authorizing the increase of the capital stock to thirty million dollars, which was signed by Governor

STEPNIAK KILLED.

The Well-Known Russian Author Rus Down by a Train.

London, Dec. 23.—Sergius Stepniak, the well known Russian refugee and author, was accidentally killed at Chis-wick this morning. He was going to visit a friend near his home. To reach this friend's house he was compelled to cross a railway track, which here crossed at grade. As he stepped on the track a train which Mr. St not see came along and struck him. His body was terribly mangled, and his death must have been instantane-

PALALYZED BY THE MESSAGE

Peculiar Affliction Befalls a Docto While Attacking the Manifesto. Richmond, Va., Dec. 23,-Dr. W. P. Palmer, one of the most prominent citizens of Richmond and commander of the Richmond Howitzer during the late war, while condemning President Cleve land's Venezuelan message last night, was paralyzed, and has not been able to speak since.

His condition is critical, and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

THEY ATE MINCE MEAT.

Seven Members of the Wheeler Fam ly Are Poisoned Are Poisoned.

Bellefontaine, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Seven members of the family of George Wheeler are confined to their beds and suffering from the effects of poisoning. On Sunday night they indulged heartily in mince meat and were taken violently ill. Father and mother were powerless to call for aid, their children were also be a serious condition.

in a serious condition.

Word was finally gotten to a physician, who did all in his power to bring relief. He is at a loss how to account for the poison. Today there is some improvement in the condition of the

Debs Will Be Too Late. Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 23. Eugene V. Debs, president of the American Rallway union, left for Philadelphia this evening, called there by the striking car men to assist them in the trouble with the traction company.

FLASHED FROM THE WIRES. The arrival of Miss Katherine Chemons, the actress, at New York, from Paris, has revived the report that she is to be mar-ried to Howard Gould.

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Judge Speer, in the district court of Butte, Mont., has decided the entire license law of the state unconstitutional. An appeal will be taken to the Supreme court. The crew of the British ship Hlawaths, which has arrived at San Francisco from England, fought fire on the vessel at sea for twelve days and had a narrow escape from death.

William Jones a December 1.

william Jones, a Pennsylvanian, working for an oil corpany at Martinsburg, W. Va., eloped with the 18-year-old daughter of Shield Adams. They were caught at Marietta, O., but the girl refused to return home.

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POSSUM HUNTER BURIED.

Steven Ross, Famous in Ohio, Lives to the Great Age of 108. Massillon, Ohlo, Dec.23.—Steven Ross, the greatest possum hunter in Ohlo, was buried here this afternoon, after having lived to the age of 108. He was freed from slavery in Virginia and came here before the war. His ghost stories were celebrated, and he trotted half of grown-up Massillon upon his knee.

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He had a formula for cooking possum, an important feature of which was the mystic gibberish he uttered over the boiling mass, that was almost as famous as his talent for spectral stories.

Though penniless and childless, he will be streamly mourned. e sincerely mourned.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, cloudy and threatening weather, with occasional thowers; southwesterly winds.

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